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(U) This message is sensitive but unclassified.

[11.](#) (SBU) A/DCM and poloff delivered the text of the December 21 Homeland Security Department announcement to Americas Department Deputy Director General Suna Ilicak on December [122.](#) Poloff informed Ilicak that the change was in response to intelligence indicating the possibility of an attack inside the U.S. during the holiday period, but did not preclude the possibility of attacks against U.S. interests overseas.

[12.](#) (SBU) Ilicak noted our demarche and said she would convey this message as well to MFA Deputy Director General for Counterterrorism Aysa. Ilicak asked if, as part of this announcement, we had any additional specific information about planned attacks against U.S. interests in Turkey. We said we did not, but would immediately communicate any such information to the GOT if there were any.
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